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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STORY CARRIED ON FRONT PAGE
OF CPM SATYAJUG JULY 22 UNDER HEADLINE "CONCERN IN
WEST BENGAL OVER ACTIVITIES OF 'KRISHNA-LOVING'
AMERICANS."

2. BEGIN QUOTE: ACTIVITIES OF 'KRISHNA-LOVING' AMERI-
CAN CITIZENS ARE GIVING MUCH CAUSE FOR CONCERN TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL. BASED IN THE US, KRISHNA
CONSCIOUSNESS HAS SET UP HEADQUARTERS IN CALCUTTA AND
NABADWIP AND IS GRADUALLY SPREADING ITSELF INTO ALL
STRATA OF SOCIETY. THEY SING THE PRAISE OF KRISHNA
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AROUND THE CLOCK AT MAYAPUR AND HAVE RECENTLY INDICATED
THEIR DESIRE TO DEVELOP MAYAPUR AS A RESEARCH CENTER

FOR VAISHNAVISM. THEY HAVE SOUGHT PERMISSION FROM
CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY FOR AWARDING PHDS. INTERVENTION
BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT AT THE LAST MOMENT STOPPED
THE (CALCUTTA) MINICIPAL AUTHORITY FROM HANDING OVER
THE VINLORIA PARK TO THE KRISHNA GROUP. EVEN THE
RESPONSIBLE SEGMENT IN THE GOWB IS NOT TAKING A
SYMPATHETIC VIEW OF THE ARWIVITIES OF THIS KRISHNA
LOVING SOCIETY. THE QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED WHETHER
THEY ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CIA. IN THE CONTEXT OF
WHAT HAS APPEARED RECENTLY REGARDING CIA ACTIVITIES,
THE POSSIBILITY OF A LINK WITH THE CIA CANNOT BE
RULED OUT. END QUOTE.EIGNED KORN

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